



Whereas, on March 23, 2013, millions of people around the world will, from 8:30-9:30 p.m., turn off non-essential lights in observance of the annual International "Earth Hour;" and

Whereas, the first Earth Hour was celebrated just 6 years ago in 2007; and

Whereas, it is expected that more than 7,000 cities and towns in 152 countries on every global continent will participate in this event; and

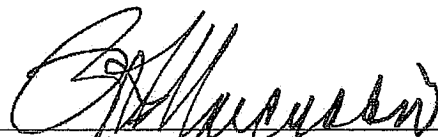
Whereas, energy consumption contributes to environmental and sustainability challenges, including the production of greenhouse gases and climate change; and

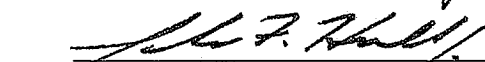
Whereas, the purposes of "Earth Hour" are to raise public consciousness, capture people's imaginations, provoke discussion, and empower individuals to make a difference; and

Whereas, by working together, our community can make a positive impact to improve the planet and bring us closer to a sustainable lifestyle; and

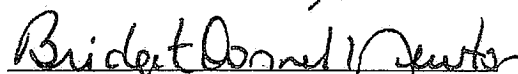
Whereas, Rockville will turn off the lights at the Croydon Creek Nature Center and other selected City facilities during Earth Hour.

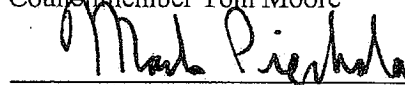
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and Council of Rockville do hereby proclaim, March 23, 2013 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour in Rockville, and call upon all residents of this great City to join in supporting the goals of this inspiring initiative.


Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio


Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.


Councilmember Tom Moore


Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton


Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

March 18, 2013